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SUBJECT:NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ISSUE

REF: (A) NICOSIA 1061; (B) ANKARA 2654; (C) STATE 77242;  
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1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE UNILATERAL TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTION  
IN SEEKING TO ASSUME AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES  
IN NORTHERN PORTION OF NICOSIA FIR IS UNJUSTIFIED AND  
DANGEROUS ACT FOR WHICH GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY MUST BEAR ULTI-  
MATE RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS APPARENT ERCAN CONTROL SERVICE  
IS NEITHER VOLUNTARY NOR ADVISORY. WE ARE TROUBLED, MORE-  
OVER, BY REPORTS INDICATING THAT GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO

SOME EXTENT HAS TURNED OVER CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN ANKARA FIR AS WELL TO ERCAN. LATTER PRACTICE DIRECTLY AFFECTS ROUGHLY 280 USAF FLIGHTS PER MONTH IN AREA. HQ USAF HAS INTRODUCED TEMPORARY PROCEDURE DESIGNED TO LIMIT HAZARD INVOLVED, BUT WE REGARD CONTINUATION OF CURRENT SITUATION AS UNACCEPTABLE.

2. FOR ANKARA: YOU SHOULD REITERATE TO MFA POINTS MADE IN EARLIER DEMARCHE RE DELETERIOUS EFFECT OF THIS UNILATERAL ACTION ON AGREED WORLD SYSTEM OF ALLOCATING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH ICAO, AND INDICATE THAT USG

CONTINUES TO REGARD GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, NOT RPT NOT TURKISH CYPRIOTS, AS RESPONSIBLE IN THIS MATTER. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT USG FINDS ESPECIALLY OBJECTIONABLE NEWLY ADOPTED PRACTICE OF ALLOWING SO-CALLED ERCAN CENTER TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PORTION OF TURKISH AIRSPACE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY PROHIBITED FLIGHTS BY U.S. AIR CARRIERS THROUGH DISPUTED PORTION OF NICOSIA FIR, FAA WILL SHORTLY ISSUE NEW NOTAM SUGGESTING OTHER US REGISTERED AIRCRAFT AVOID THIS AREA.

3. FOR NICOSIA: YOU SHOULD INFORM DCA ON LOW-KEY BASIS OF U.S. REPRESENTATIONS TO GOT AND ADVISE THAT, ACCORDING TO HQ USAF, ALL INCIDENTS OF USAF AIRCRAFT CONTACTING ERCAN OCCURRED WHILE AIRCRAFT WERE OVER TURKISH MAINLAND AND WITHIN ANKARA FIR. IN VIEW OF GROSS DISRUPTION ABRUPT TERMINATION OF FLIGHTS WOULD CAUSE, AND AIR SAFETY HAZARD WHICH EXISTS, WE HAVE RELUCTANTLY ALLOWED USAF TO

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CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

4. FOR USREP ICAO MONTREAL: YOU SHOULD CONTINUE PER REF. E ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP MEANS, THROUGH TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AS THROUGH ICAO OFFICE PARIS, TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TURKEY AND CYPRUS ARE NOT REPRESENTED ON ICAO COUNCIL OR IN MONTREAL AND THAT FORMAL ICAO COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF MATTER DOES NOT APPEAR BE PROMISING POSSIBILITY AT THIS STAGE.

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